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Dear Sirs,

I felt horrified after reading an article about the torture that hens go through to forcefully produce eggs. Why must they be treated in this way? I am a meat eater and an egg eater, but I do not believe these animals should go through such pain before being slaughtered. Do you think they have no feeling? Do you think they enjoy being diseased, starved, beaten, piled upon each other, prodded, and shocked?

I understand people need to eat, but why do all of the animals we eat have to suffer at our expense and greed? The people that work at slaughterhouses are the Hilters of today. How would they like it if they were treated the same way the animals they kill are treated? It would not be so bad if the animals could live a normal life before being killed, no matter for how long (or short) it may be.

I have seen articles and photos of many slaughterhouses, and they are disgusting. I am quite surprised that the Food and Drug Administration allows humans to eat this as food – after these animals have been living in filthy, diseased, inhumane conditions. It would only make sense to improve the living conditions of these animals. But it does not appear that the United States Government cares about what makes sense. That shows in every aspect of our country.

The torture of hens is a very small part of animal abuse – I cannot even get into poaching, circuses, puppy mills, whaling, etc, etc, etc, etc, but we can only take one step at a time.

Sincerely, (?)

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Dear FDA,

Forced molting of hens used in egg production is cruel to the birds and increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would eliminate this practice.

Signed

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